

REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that Claims 1-14 are allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed features. Claims 15-20 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Cairns (U.S. Pat. No. 6,315,461) and Jovanovich et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0017981). While Applicants do not agree with the reasoning provided in the Office Action, in an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, claims 15-20 have been cancelled.

In light of the amendment, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

It is believed that no fees are due with the filing of this response. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 referencing the above-identified attorney docket number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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